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WELFARE SCHEME FOR WOUNDED/DISABLED SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has entered into any partnership with the corporate world to help the wounded/disabled soldiers;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme prepared for the welfare of wounded/disabled soldiers;

(c) whether the Government is considering to establish a foundation for the help of wounded/disabled soldiers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b): There is no formal agreement between the Corporate Sector and the Government for rehabilitation of wounded/disabled soldiers. However, Adjutant General Branch of the Armed Forces has been managing and coordinating 15 Army Welfare Corpuses which were donated by various Corporate houses during and after Operation Vijay Kargil.

(c) & (d): The Armed Forces already have well established schemes for looking after the wounded/disabled soldiers during service. After their retirement from service, the ex-servicemen are entitled for various benefits and concessions like disability pension, war injury pension, family pension, Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme, educational concessions, preference for admission into professional colleges, reservation in seats in IITs, Sainik and Military Schools, rail/air travel concession, canteen store facilities, priority telephone facilities, financial assistance from Armed Forces Flag Day Fund etc. The State/UT Governments also have a number of schemes for rehabilitation and welfare of ex-servicemen including wounded/disabled soldiers.